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1ST SESSION

# H. R. 844

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2005

Mr. BACA (for himself, Mr. TERRY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. BUTTERFIELD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress finds the following:

5               (1) Families of active duty military are under-  
6       going hardship while the Nation is at war.

1           (2) Providing free lunch to children of active  
 2           duty military families is a temporary measure to  
 3           help alleviate the burden placed upon them during a  
 4           time of war.

5           (3) During this difficult period, the Nation  
 6           must ensure that the needs of those who are serving  
 7           the Nation are taken care of.

8   **SEC. 2. FREE SCHOOL LUNCH ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILDREN**  
 9                           **OF PARENTS ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.**

10          (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9(b)(12)(A) of the Rich-  
 11          ard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
 12          1758(b)(12)(A) is amended—

13               (1) in clause (v), by striking “; or” and insert-  
 14               ing a semicolon;

15               (2) in clause (vi), by striking the period and in-  
 16               serting “; or”; and

17               (3) by adding at the end the following new  
 18               clause:

19               “(vii) the child of a parent who is an enlisted  
 20               member of the Armed Forces on active duty or of  
 21               the National Guard on active duty (as such terms  
 22               are defined in section 101 of title 37, United State  
 23               Code).”.

1       (b) SUNSET.—The amendment made by this section  
2 shall cease to have effect 2 years after the date of enact-  
3 ment of this section.

